

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the applicant's communication received on May 21, 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8 and 11-16, renumbered as claims 1-14.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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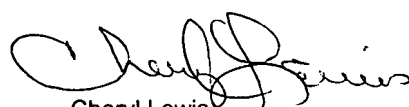
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-8 and 11-16 are allowed. These claims have been renumbered as claims 1-14.

Drawings

2. The drawing filed on March 17, 2004 are accepted by the examiner.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in an interview with Charles Meyer on July 31, 2007.

4. Claims 1, 11, and 12 have been amended and claims 9 and 10 have been cancelled as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
identifying a plurality of unstructured electronic data sources;
mapping a plurality of undefined data elements from each data source to an OLAP cube based upon at least one user-defined dimension of the plurality of data elements identified from at least one of the data sources;

wherein the mapping step includes:

creating at least one level for each user-defined dimension;

adding a first set of values to a selected one of the at least one level for each user-defined dimension;

creating at least one measure representing a type of data within the at least one data source;

adding a second set of values selected from the data source to the at least one measure, wherein each value in the second set is associated with at least one value selected from the first set; and

specifying at least one rule that is applied to the data elements to

generate the OLAP cube;

transforming the OLAP cube into a test recordset to determine if the plurality of data elements are mapped correctly;

saving the mapping information to a template; and

generating a final recordset from the data source using the template.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [10] 1, wherein the selected one of the at least one level is a lowest level.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [10] 1, wherein the first set of values and the second set of values have at least some overlapping values.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The prior art of record does not render obvious to one ordinarily skilled in the art at the time of applicant's invention nor anticipate the combination of claimed elements including 'wherein the mapping step includes: creating at least one level for each user-defined dimension; adding a first set of values to a selected one of the at least one level for each user-defined dimension; creating at least one measure representing a type of data within the at least one data source; adding a second set of values selected from the data source to the at least one measure, wherein each value in the second set is associated with at least one value selected from the first set; and specifying at least one rule that is applied to the data elements to generate the OLAP cube' as recited in independent claim 1.

The remaining claims, 2-8 and 11-16 are dependent claims, thus these claims are patently distinct over the art of record for at least the above reasons.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

NAME OF CONTACT

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cheryl Lewis whose telephone number is (571) 272-4113. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30-3:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cottingham can be reached on (571) 272-7079. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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